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MARGINAL COLUMN

By NISSIM REJWAN

As a move calculated to counter the recently-proclaimed union between Egypt and Syria, the federation of the two Hashemite countries of Iraq and Jordan may have some limited effect. Friday's announcement of the formation of the Arab Federation (*"Al-Ittihad Al-Arabi"*), though it lacked the elaborate histrionics accompanying the birth of the United Arab Republic in Cairo two weeks earlier, was fairly comprehensive: short of merging the two thrones and relinquishing one of their U.N. representations, the two countries will now have one government, one army (the Arab Army), one parliament, one economy and one flag. Unlike U.A.R., moreover, the Arab Federatoin enjoys territorial contiguity between its two parts, and the Iraqi economy will complement rather than compete with Jordan's non-viable economy. The thorny problem of the Baghdad Pact was solved amicably; neither of the two countries is to be bound by the other's past obligations and treaties, though all future undertakings will bind the two equally.

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Considered in the larger context of inter-Arab relations, the Iraqi-Jordan federation will result in a basic change in Egypt's political position in the Fertile Crescent: Jordan, having so far been in constant danger of being swallowed by the Cairo-Damascus axis, can now be considered out of its reach, at least for the time being. Though King Hussein could in the past in theory rely on help from Iraq — and Saudi Arabia — in case of armed attack, it was mainly internal subversion and radio incitement that Egypt and Syria used as their weapons against the Jordanian regime, and the possibility of armed attack by the two Arab republics never seemed really serious. Moreover, the Arab refugees, who have been the chief source of peril to Hussein's throne, may conceivably find their way to permanent settlement in the vast expanses of Iraq's development areas.

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But it is in Damascus that the impact of the new move is likely to be felt most acutely. That country, which for a brief moment at the end of World War I became a Hashemite kingdom under Faisal ibn Hussein, has always been considered by Baghdad as Iraq's natural extension, providing her with an outlet to the Mediterranean. Since Husni Zaim's coup in 1949, Iraq has, largely through her own negligence and lack of tact, missed more than one opportunity of effecting a union with Syria on her own terms, until, what with the officers' revolution in Cairo and Iraq's adherence to the unpopular Baghdad Pact, pro-Egyptians and Leftists managed to get the upper hand in Damascus and to surrender their sovereignty completely to an over-ambitious Nasser. Now, with Iraq confronting her to the south as well as to the east, it is no wonder that the Syrian authorities are beginning to feel uneasy.

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Thus, with two separate Arab "unions" accomplished in the space of two weeks, real Arab unity is as far from realization as ever, and the gulf has immeasurably widened between the two Arab groupings. The establishment of the United Arab Republic, hailed in Cairo and Damascus as the first step towards full Arab union, is having diametrically opposite results. That is not in the least surprising either. Dr. Fadhil Jamali, a former Iraqi Premier, was the only Iraqi leader with enough daring to say that the Egypt-Syria merger was "an act of defiance, not unity," adding that by taking this measure Egypt "has torn Syria away from Iraq." This is the real meaning of Nasser's action of February 1; neither Iraq nor Jordan could possibly be expected to sit idle and see their respective positions imperilled by the blatant pan-Arab ambitions of the ex-Colonel. The answer has come quite promptly: Syria, even more than Jordan, has come into the front line of the Iraqi-Egyptian struggle, and Damascus may have to rely on outside forces to prevent her being the first to succumb under the weight of the pressure.

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The situation within Syria herself is not very clear. There can be little doubt that large and very influential sections of the population view the merger with Egypt with both dismay and fear, and reports of the panicky smuggling of money to Beirut have been published even in Egyptian newspapers; it is certainly a situation in which "anything may happen." Meanwhile, Damascus Radio has opened its campaign against the Iraqi-Jordan union, on the ground that it is... "artificial."

Jerusalem, February 16.

Poland to Get $98m. in U.S. Economic Aid

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The U.S. extended $98m. worth of economic assistance to Poland under an aid agreement signed at the State Department this morning.

It provided for the sale of $73m. worth of surplus U.S. farm products for Polish zlotys instead of dollars, and established an Export-Import Bank credit of $25m. for the purchase of industrial machinery, medical equipment, synthetic fibres and other items.

This was the second economic aid agreement which the U.S. has signed with Poland. The U.S. extended $95m. worth of aid last year in a move interpreted as support and encouragement for the independent Communist regime of Mr. Wladislaw Gomulka.

Stassen Quits; To Run for Governor

THOMASVILLE, Georgia, Saturday. — Mr. Harold Stassen, President Eisenhower's disarmament adviser, resigned today.

Presidential Press Secretary, Mr. James Hagerty, said that Mr. Stassen resigned in order to enter the Pennsylvania State primary election in May, as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor.

Mr. Stassen had made his own decision and had not been asked to resign, he said.

In an exchange of letters between the President and Mr. Stassen, the President wished his adviser "a successful and happy future."

ATLAS FAILURE

CAPE CANAVERAL, Saturday (Reuter). — An Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile failed to lift from its launching pad at the Missile Test Centre here today. The missile remained upright on its launching pad.

The Air Force gave no details about what had happened except to say "the test has been terminated for the day."

It was the sixth launching of the Atlas weapon and the fourth failure.

C-O-L INDEX RISES 4 POINTS IN JANUARY

The Cost of Living Index rose by four points in January, to stand at 267 points at the end of the month, it was announced on Friday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

The rise is attributed to a corresponding increase in the price of rationed frozen meat, as the regular monthly ration of frozen meat at official prices was not distributed in January.

Other rises in food prices recorded in January were for poultry, tomatoes, eggplant, green peppers and other vegetables.

Under miscellaneous products, the main items that cost more in January were medicines.

The month of January is the first of the new six-month cycle in which an eight-point rise will require adjustment of the cost-of-living allowance. A rise of 13 points during less than six months likewise makes an adjustment mandatory.

The upward trend in prices is not expected to continue during February, as it is planned to distribute a meat ration this month and to continue the meat distribution regularly.

The fair weather during most of February also guarantees sufficient supplies of vegetables.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry spokesman has announced that from today, controls will be lifted from tomatoes. The ceiling price for radishes will be abolished but all other winter vegetables will be controlled and subsidies given. The subsidy on carrots will be increased to lower the price to 150 pruta per kilo.

The temporary additional subsidy on eggs will also be removed and prices will be: Grade "Bet" 95 pruta; "Aleph" 110 pruta; Extra 120 pruta.

Two Tremors Rock Capital; No Damage

Two earth tremors were registered in Jerusalem in the early hours of yesterday morning.

The first one was at 1.59 a.m. and the second at 3.59 a.m.

Jerusalem residents reported being shaken out of their Friday night slumbers. No damage was reported, however.

The intensity of the first tremor was from three to five on a scale of 10 (medium), while the second was much milder. The Seismological Station of the Geological Survey Jerusalem, stated that the epicentre was 90 kilometres away but that further analysis of the data was needed to fix the direction.

French Deny Massing Troops Near Tunisia

Tunis was relatively relaxed yesterday after a week of tension resulting from the French bombing of the border village of Sakiet Sidi Yussef last week. No incidents had been reported by nightfall despite earlier charges by the Tunisian Government that French troops and tanks were massing along the Algerian-Tunisian border.

French authorities in Algiers denied the reports of troop concentrations, and said there were no more armed vehicles and tanks in the border area than normally.

The statement was issued after an official release by the Tunisian Information Secretariat that four tanks, 10 artillery pieces and 21 lorries laden with troops had reached the frontier region opposite Sakiet Sidi Yussef.

But in the north-west corner of Algeria, some 35 miles from the Tunisian frontier, French troops were reported heavily engaged with Algerian insurgent forces. French authorities in Algiers said that so far 102 rebels had been killed with the loss of 11 French soldiers killed and 42 wounded. The battle was still raging yesterday.

Tension in Tunisia was reported to have eased slightly following the "Sakiet rallies" yesterday, called to condemn the bombing of the village and to demand the evacuation of the 15,000 French troops stationed in Tunisia. The rallies passed quietly after appeals for calm by the Tunisian authorities, but the atmosphere was still charged. French troops were still confined to their barracks and Tunisians armed with rifles are blocking roads to them.

French sources in Tunisia

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France Ready To Pay Compensation

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — The French Government today agreed in principle to pay compensation for civilian losses in the bombing raid on the Tunisian village of Sakiet Sidi Yussef.

A meeting of the Cabinet decided to ask the French Red Cross to get in touch immediately with the Tunisian Red Crescent to assess civilian losses "with a view to eventual compensation."

M. Emile Claparede, Secretary for State for Information who announced this after a two and a half hours' meeting of the Cabinet, also said there appeared to have been an easing of tension between Tunisia and France during the past 48 hours.

US Queries France On Mediation Issue

The U.S. State Department yesterday asked the U.S. Embassy in Paris to seek immediate clarification of decisions reportedly taken on Tunisia by the French Cabinet in the morning indicating that France may accept American help in solving the Franco-Tunisian crisis.

The remarks made after the Cabinet meeting in Paris by M. Emile Claparede, Secretary of State for Information, that France was ready to accept U.S. good offices but not arbitration in the crisis, encouraged officials in Washington to believe that the tension might be eased.

But the State Department spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, refused to make any formal comment pending the receipt of official confirmation of press reports from Paris.

American officials were anxious to know exactly what the French Cabinet intended to propose to the U.S. on the crisis.

Last-minute attempts were reported being made in Washington to get France and Tunisia to negotiate directly.

U.S. Urges Free Vote To Unify Korea

WASHINGTON, Saturday. — The U.S. today called on China and North Korea to accept supervised free elections as the first step towards the unification of North and South Korea.

The State Department spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, issued the statement in response to a Chinese proposal, relayed to Washington by the British Government last Tuesday, that all foreign troops be withdrawn from the two Koreas as a prelude to unification.

The statement challenged the Chinese and North Koreans to back free, supervised election as proof of the sincerity of their proposals for unification. It recounted the history of American and U.N. efforts for the unification of Korea, which, it said, were continually thwarted by the Communist powers.

Peking Radio reported today that the Chinese Premier, Chou En-lai, left yesterday on a good will visit to North Korea. He was accompanied by the New Chinese Foreign Minister, Chen Yi, the Deputy Foreign Minister, Chang Wen-tien and the Army Chief of Staff, General Pu Yi. *(UP, Reuter)*

Socialist Int'l Hits Sakiet Bombing

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — The Bureau of the Socialist International in London last night condemned the recent "savage acts" of the Algerian rebels, but deplored the loss of life which had occurred in the French bombing of the village of Sakiet Sidi Yussef in Tunisia.

Expressing heartfelt sympathy with the victims and their relatives, the Bureau said that the action taken by the "local French military command," was indefensible from both a human and a political point of view.

Both Israel and France were among the countries represented at the meeting.

Zoo Animals Arrive Via Eilat

By MEIR BEN-DOV, Jerusalem Post Reporter

EILAT, Saturday. — Not since the Queen of Sheba's gifts for King Solomon, has such an exotic cargo arrived at Eilat as came last night.

Ten cages of chattering monkeys, two giraffes, a baby two-and-a-half ton hippopotamus, a pair of warthogs, two ferocious cheetahs were only some of the animals brought by the s.s. Atlit from Mombassa, Kenya. The monkeys — over a hundred of them — were addressed to the Ministry of Health, for use in medical research and the preparation of vaccines.

The V.I.P.'s were the monkeys who were unloaded immediately and taken away to the Ministry's laboratories in Tel Aviv.

The other animals destined for the Tel Aviv Zoo were unloaded more slowly, and were hoisted into trucks under the vigilant care of attendants. The hippopotamus was first, its crate groaning under the stress, followed by a pair of ugly warthogs, two wild dogs, a pair of rare bat-eared foxes, a pair of rare duiker's antelopes, a pair of gebhard cheetahs snarling through their prison mesh, and four giant tortoises each a metre across.

After a pause, punctuated

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Sumatra Rebel Gov't Formed In Indonesia

SINGAPORE, Saturday (Reuter). — Lieutenant-Colonel Achmad Hussein, leader of anti-government rebels in Central Sumatra, tonight proclaimed a new independent government for Indonesia, according to Padang Radio.

The proclamation was made after the expiry of a five-day ultimatum by the rebels that the Central Government headed by Prime Minister Djuanda should resign.

President Sukarno is due to return to Jakarta tomorrow after visiting Japan. He left Tokyo two hours before the expiry of the ultimatum (2.30 p.m. Israel time.)

Col. Hussein made the proclamation amid cheers after a two-hour meeting with the Revolutionary Council which began as soon as the five-day ultimatum expired. The demands were that the Djuanda Cabinet should return its mandate, that President Sukarno should withdraw the Cabinet's mandate, and that former Vice-President Mohammed Hatta and the Sultan of Jogjakarta should form a national government according to the constitution.

The rebel leader said, "We have decided to form a revolutionary government of the Republic of Indonesia with full sovereignty inside and outside the country and with power to remove the Djuanda Cabinet and Sukarno's concept (of 'guided democracy')."

He said the Prime Minister and Finance Minister of the new republic would be Mr. Sjafruddin Prariranegara, former Governor of the Bank of Indonesia.

(See 'Indonesia Today' — P. 4)

No U.K. Bid to France Yet on 3-Power Pledge

By MAURICE CARR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS, Saturday. — France is ready to examine any British suggestion for the modification of the Tripartite Declaration of 1950, guaranteeing national borders in the Middle East, but I am officially informed that so far there has been no approach from London to Paris on this subject despite last week's statement of the British Secretary of State, Commander Alan Noble, in the Commons, that consultations are in progress.

Cmdr. Noble's statement is assumed here to indicate a British intention which has not yet materialized.

The Quai d'Orsay spokesman pointed out that the French position is clear and was recently redefined by Foreign Minister Christian Pineau before Parliament — that the Israel-Arab frontiers as laid down in the General Armistice Agreement must be maintained.

It can be taken for granted that France will support any move designed to safeguard the territorial *status quo* between Israel and her Arab neighbours.

Iraq and Jordan Federate, With Joint Defence, Foreign Policies

U.S. Wary, Britain Pleased

WASHINGTON, Saturday. — The cautious comment of the State Department spokesman yesterday on the Iraqi-Jordanian federation was in line with the reaction given to the earlier Egyptian-Syrian merger — namely to await more information before expressing more positive views.

The Department said the U.S. "sympathises" with the Arab desire for greater unity but wants to determine first what effect the present moves will have on the overall Middle Eastern picture before committing itself.

A school of thought in the State Department is reported to be discussing the possibility that Iraq might withdraw from the Baghdad Pact because of the new merger. It is thought by some circles in Washington that for the new Jordan-Iraq merger to have a chance of attracting Saudi Arabia, for example, Iraqi withdrawal from the pact might be necessary.

U.S. officials intimated that they looked to consultations with Britain and France before coming to any firm conclusions about the mergers.

British Reaction

British reaction was more enthusiastic. A Foreign Office spokesman said in London, "We greet with pleasure the news that close links are to be established between Jordan and Iraq. Such a step will in our view strengthen the stability and economic well-being of both countries."

Asked whether Britain had made similar comment on recent news of the Egyptian-Syrian union, the spokesman said, "We have not made a comment on that. It is natural to be more reserved about events in two countries with neither of which we are at present in diplomatic relations."

Moscow Radio said last night that as a result of the union Jordan will in fact come under the control of Iraq, and consequently of the Baghdad Pact.

It said the union had been attempted several times before but always met with energetic opposition from Arab public opinion, which regarded it as an attempt to unite the reactionary pro-Western elements of both countries. *(Reuter, INA)*

Faisal Heads Twin Kingdoms

AMMAN, Saturday (Reuter). — Iraq and Jordan yesterday signed an agreement uniting their two countries in a new federal state to be called El Ittihad el Arabi (The Arab Federation). King Faisal of Iraq is to head the Federation, but both he and his Jordanian cousin, King Hussein, will retain their separate thrones, a Jordan spokesman said.

The two countries are to have joint defence and foreign policies and the capital of the Federation is to alternate every six months between Baghdad and Amman.

The agreement followed three days of talks and envisages a somewhat looser union than that prescribed for the United Arab Republic of Egypt and Syria. Each King is expected to retain his own diplomatic representation abroad and his own delegate at the U.N. Each country will also continue to honour its own international treaties and commitments without prejudicing its partner's relation to them, a clause which apparently is aimed at Iraq's membership in the Baghdad Pact.

Frontier formalities between the two countries will end shortly, and economic union between them will also be effected as soon as negotiations on details are completed, a Jordan spokesman announced.

The flag of the new union will be the standard of Hussein ibn Ali, great-grandfather of both Hussein and Faisal. It will have green, white and black horizontal stripes and red triangles.

Both Kings broadcast to their peoples following the proclamation of the Union yesterday. King Hussein said, "On this day we turn our hearts towards Palestine and we promise before God to work as before to achieve our rights which were stolen by the enemy. We will not lay down our arms until we have achieved our aims."

Faisal, who returned to Baghdad today, said he hoped the step "would not be the last towards full Arab unity."

Today and Sunday were proclaimed as holidays in both countries, and officials said that February 14 would be observed in the future as the Union's national holiday.

The news of the union between the two kingdoms was proclaimed to the populace by the Baghdad, Amman and Ramallah Radios, which announced that their names henceforward would be the Arab Federation Broadcasting Station. It was also announced last night that King Hussein had published a decree convening both Houses of the Jordanian Parliament on Tuesday to ratify the agreement.

The proclamation of the agreement contained the following 12 points :

1. The Arab Federation of Jordan and Iraq exists as from today, Friday, February 14. It will be open to all other Arab states who wish to join.
2. The two states will preserve their independent existence and sovereignty over their own territories and retain the existing regimes.
3. Any international treaty, alliance or convention which either state has signed before joining the Union does not commit the other state. However, any such alliance, treaty or convention signed after the establishment of the Union is binding on both.
4. Steps will be taken to unify foreign policy, diplomatic representation abroad, the army, customs, law and education.
5. Both states will agree on measures to unify the currency and coordinate economic and financial policy, as soon as possible.
6. The Federal Authority will be responsible for administration of measures necessary for the unification of the bodies mentioned in Clause 4 and other activities not mentioned therein.
7. The flag of the Arab revolt will be the flag of the Federation and of each individual state.
8. The Federal Authority will have both executive and legislative bodies. An equal number of members from each existing Parliament will be chosen for the Union legislature. The executive body will be appointed in accordance with the Union Constitution.
9. The head of the Arab Union will be King Faisal of Iraq. In his absence, the King of Jordan is to take his place. Each King preserves his constitutional authority in his own kingdom. If any other state joins the federation, the question of the head of state will be reviewed.
10. The Union capital will alternate between Baghdad and Amman every six months.
11. The present constitutions of Iraq and Jordan will be amended according to the requirements of the Federal constitution which will be based on the principles of this agreement. The constitution must be enacted within three months of the signing of this agreement.
12. This agreement has been constitutionally signed.

Syria Invents Israel 'Plot'

The Foreign Ministry spokesman in Jerusalem on Friday categorically denied reports from Damascus about an Israel "plot — political or military — against Syria or the union between Syria and Egypt.

"These tales are of the same pattern as those spread last July, when Israel forces were alleged to be preparing an attack on Syria," the spokesman declared. "U.N. observers visited the area and reported that there were no Israel forces there at all. As was the case in July, the present propaganda campaign against Israel is presumably designed to cover up domestic difficulties in Syria herself."

The spokesman added that "Israel has not intervened and will not intervene in the internal affairs of Syria or any other country. She views with concern the Syrian effort to spread allegations which are totally devoid of any basis."

Later Friday night, Syria resumed the propaganda campaign. An army spokesman in Damascus alleged that Israel forces had penetrated into Syrian territory and killed one Syrian shepherd, injuring another. A thorough investigation on the Israel side revealed that this charge was also a complete invention. No Israel forces nor civilians had crossed into Syrian territory.

The same Syrian spokesman also claimed that two Turkish soldiers on Thursday opened fire on a Syrian farmer, who was not hurt.

In New York, Israel informed the President of the U.N. Security Council on Friday that mine-clearing operations in the demilitarized zone between Israel and Syria had been completed last Monday.

KNESSET LEADERS ON SYRIAN BORDER

TIBERIAS, Saturday. — The chairmen of the Knesset's Security and Foreign Affairs, Finance, and Interior committees, Messrs. M. Argov, Y. Guri and Y.F. Riftin; together with the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Z. Zur, and the Director General of the Ministry of Defence, Mr. S. Peres, yesterday visited the border settlements of Gonen, Dan, Gedot and Shear Yishuv, where they inspected the damage caused by the recent Syrian attacks.

Eban Sees Herter On M-E Developments

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The Israel Ambassador to the U.S., Mr. Abba Eban, yesterday discussed what he called "recent developments in the constitutional and political life" of the Middle East with Acting Secretary of State, Christian Herter.

"We are very interested, naturally, in the opinion of the U.S. on these matters," he told reporters after his 45-minute meeting.

He was thought to be referring to the Egyptian-Syrian union and the federation of Iraq and Jordan.

He added he had also discussed current economic negotiations now in progress between the U.S. and Israel. "These are going normally," he said.

Aden Fort Repels Yemeni Attack

ADEN, Saturday (Reuter).— Yemeni troops and irregulars heavily attacked the fort of Sanah in the western Aden protectorate yesterday.

An official communique said the Government guards at the fort, which is in the Emirate of Dhala, beat off the attack in a battle lasting two hours. The communique said the troops crossed the frontier in the neighbourhood of Kataba in the Yemen.

Sharett Sees Mergers May Menace Israel

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. Moshe Sharett, M.K., said here tonight that if the mergers between Egypt and Syria and between Jordan and Iraq were intended for use as "a pair of nutcrackers," then Israel must be found "so hard a nut as to break the nutcracker itself."

He was speaking at a dinner of the Palestine Appeal attended by 1,000 guests.

Mr. Sharett added, "If the Jordanian-Iraqi accord signifies a new opening for Iraq's 'Drang nach Westen,' Israel must prove not only impregnable but capable of rolling her adversary a fair way back. In practice Israel must heed the lessons of experience and rely more on her own strength, and on such international support as she can enlist, than on the wisdom and sanity of her opponents."

SAPIR IN TOKYO

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuter). — The Israel Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Pinhas Sapir, arrived in Tokyo by air yesterday to promote trade between Israel and Japan.

Nasser Congratulates Faisal, Snubs Hussein

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuter). — In a message of congratulations to King Faisal of Iraq, Abdul Nasser of Egypt yesterday said, "The creation of the Arab Federation which today united Iraq and Jordan is a blessed step, to which the whole Arab nation has looked forward ... and we are certain the union will be a power in all Arab hands against their enemies.

"I am quite sure it brings close the day of great unity," he added.

In a tribute to King Faisal he said, "The youth of Your Majesty and your faith and sincerity will be a driving force for the realization of the great Arab dream." Observers noted that the message made no reference to King Hussein of Jordan.

Cairo newspapers today published reports of the discovery of an alleged American financed plot directed against the Egyptian-Syrian union.

Details of the plot had been given to Marshal Abdel Hakim Amer, Egyptian Minister of War, and conspirators who had been arrested would be court-martialled soon, the reports said.

Britannic Due in Haifa Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The British luxury liner s.s. Britannic is due to arrive in Haifa this afternoon for a three-day visit with 450 American tourists.

Sixty-one Americans from the cruise crossed into Israel through Mandelbaum Gate yesterday afternoon, led by Mr. Giovanni A. Rinaldi, American Express Tour Conductor and his assistant, Mr. Walter J. Orchard, of Montreal.

A special routing was devised by the local Government Tourist office in collaboration with the Police, and the 23 Yatour cars and bus, which took the baggage, were escorted to and from Mandelbaum Gate, without incident. The whole group were on their way to Mount Zion and Ein Karem in a matter of minutes.

They were greeted on behalf of the Government Tourist Corporation by Mrs. L. Scher, and by Mr. Baum, the Tel Aviv representative of American Express Meditrad Ltd., as well as by Mr. Yehuda Sokolowski, of Yatour Ltd., which provided the transport.

The average age of the group is well over 60, ranging from a 27-year-old Texan lady to an 87-year-old Californian.

The Tourist Corporation has arranged an evening of entertainment for the visitors to be presented on board ship this evening. The Folklore Dance Group, "Sadot," will give a programme of Israeli dances.

With deepest sorrow we announce the passing away of our beloved

Elli Siev (Silberstein)

The funeral will leave the Rambam Hospital, Haifa, today Sunday, February 16, at 12 noon.

THE FAMILY

Please refrain from condolence visits.

Mt. Carmel, Haifa, February 14, 1958.

On the first anniversary of the death of our dear

Dr. Otto Feuerstein

A Memorial Service and the unveiling of the Tombstone will take place tomorrow, Monday, February 17, 1958 at 4 p.m., at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

Friends and acquaintances should meet at the Cemetery Gateway before the ceremony.

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Mr. Emmanuel A. Mettle-Nunoo, Deputy Secretary-General of the Ghana Trade Union Congress, addressed a meeting held under the auspices of the Mapai Centre at the Yahdav Club in Tel Aviv on Friday evening.

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The Israel-France Friendship League will tonight hold an evening devoted to General Charles de Gaulle and the French resistance movement at 8.30 p.m. at the Z.O.A. House, Tel Aviv. Speakers will include: the French Ambassador, M. Pierre Gilbert; Mr. S. Peres, Director General of the Defence Ministry, and Mr. Uri Kessary.

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Prof. R.W. Berliner Director of the National Heart Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md., will lecture on "Hyponatremia" in Lecture Hall "A," Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, tonight at 7.45.

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BIRTH

ZORN — To Selma (née Redlich), wife of Mr. Rudolf Zorn, on Friday, February 14, 1958, at the Moladah Maternity Home, Haifa, — a daughter, sister to Myron and Gabriel.

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MEMORIAL MEETING

A memorial meeting for the late Prof. A. V. Tcherikover will take place today, at 6.15 p.m. in the Abraham Mazer Building for the Institute of Jewish Studies on the University campus. Speakers will include Profs. N Rotenstreich, C. Wirszubski and A. Fuks and Mr. D. Ashri. Special buses will leave from Terra Sancta building at 5.45 p.m.

HUGO OPPENHEIMER DEAD AT 81

NAHARIYA, Saturday. — Hugo Oppenheimer, founder and manager of the well-known Penguin Cafe and Restaurant, died today at the age of 81.

To residents and tourists alike he was a symbol of hospitality in Nahariya. He came in 1938 from Offenbach on the Main, where he had owned a large textile shop. He leaves a wife and a son.

Ashkelon Pedestal Removed to Capital

ASHKELON, Saturday. — The pedestal of a pillar believed to have formed part of an ancient synagogue discovered here some three weeks ago was removed by the Department of Antiquities to its museum in Jerusalem on Thursday.

The discovery, accidentally made by workmen, indicated the existence of an ancient Jewish community in Ashkelon. A figure of a menorah was carved into the pillar.

The Municipality here is making all efforts to have the stone brought back, partly owing to its archaeological significance, but chiefly because of its attraction to tourists. It may be reinstalled in Ashkelon after the experts in Jerusalem complete their study. (Itim)

Overfishing In Kinneret Denied

TIBERIAS, Saturday. — The claim of Tiberias fishermen that the settlements fishing in Lake Kinneret were using methods which would destroy all the fish in the Lake is unfounded. This was stated by Mr. M. Bar-Ilan, Kinneret Fishing Controller and spokesman of the Lake Kinneret Fishermen's Association, at a press conference held here yesterday.

The speaker said that the quantity of fish and sardines in Lake Kinneret was stable and if the number of fishing vessels working there at present was not increased and the same methods continued, there was little likelihood that the fish population would be affected.

The members of this Association had taken 30 per cent of the total haul in the Kinneret during 1957, while during 1952-1954 they had taken 50-55 per cent.

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post February 16, 1958

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Civil Appeal

Before the President (Justice Olshan), Justices Goitein and Berinson.

Alfred Levin v. 1. Zvi Weiss. 2. Shalom Weiss (C.A. 142/56).

No Contributory Negligence on Part of Infant

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court, delivered on April 24, 1956 (in C.C. 2739/-54).

Alfred Levin was driving through a side street in Tel Aviv in which a group of children were playing. The children made way for him and he continued driving on the left side of the road as there were a row of cars parked on the right. Suddenly he felt something hit the car and, in accordance with his evidence, thinking that one of the children had thrown a stone, looked in his mirror to see what was happening behind him. He then saw a small child lying in the road.

The child, three-year-old Zvi Weiss, had come down to the street with a nine-year-old girl and both children had been standing on the pavement on the left-hand side of the street, the girl holding Zvi's hand. Zvi had evidently pulled his hand away and run towards the children playing in the street just as Mr. Levin was passing. He was hit by the front mudguard of the car and sustained serious head injuries which resulted in his being permanently blinded in one eye.

The child and his father, Shalom Weiss, sued for damages. Judge Lowenberg of the Tel Aviv District Court found that Levin had been negligent and awarded damages of approximately IL16,000 against him.

In the appeal against this decision, Mr. Kahane appeared for the appellant and Mr. Sczupak, Mr. Yeffet and Mr. Aloni for the respondents.

Judgment

Justice Berinson, who delivered the judgment of the Supreme Court, first considered the argument that there had been no negligence on the part of the appellant. The latter had testified, he said, that he had not seen the children standing on the pavement and had certainly not seen the boy break away from his escort. But, Justice Berinson said, the duty to be careful concerning children who are likely to get into the path of a vehicle is much greater than that towards adults in the same circumstances.

The duty of a driver to notice what is happening on the pavement of a populous street when he is driving at a suitable distance from it has long been recognized. All the more so, therefore, the Justice continued, does this duty exist towards children who happen to be on the pavement. And when, in addition, a group of children are playing in the street in close proximity, then any reasonable driver must anticipate the possibility of a child's deciding suddenly to step off the pavement and join the children in the street.

As to Mr. Kahane's attempt to rely on a Supreme Court decision in a previous case, the circumstances there were different, Justice Berinson held, and, in general, in negligence cases, it is practically useless to attempt to rely on previous decisions or to draw analogies from them as there are no two cases which are absolutely identical. For this reason great care must be taken not to fall into the error of drawing conclusions from general remarks made by the court in previous cases; each individual case must be judged in accordance with its particular circumstances.

Turning next to the argument that there had been contributory negligence on the part of the child, Justice Berinson said that the rule with regard to contributory negligence of children is that to the extent that children are able to appreciate the danger to which they expose themselves they are responsible for their contributory negligence. But a child is required to exercise only such degree of care and discretion as is reasonably to be expected from one of his immaturity of judgment by reason of age, (see Charlesworth on Negligence, p. 525; and Shearman & Redfield on negligence, Vol. I p. 228). In the case of an infant of three years, the amount of care and discretion reasonably to be expected from him is nil and he cannot be held responsible for contributory negligence.

Nor should it be forgotten, Justice Berinson said, that in accordance with the Civil Wrongs Ordinance children up to the age of 12 are not responsible in tort and may not be sued for damages in respect of any civil wrong. If the law absolves a child up to the age of 12 of all responsibility for any negligent act, then surely, he continued, a child of three cannot be held responsible for his actions, just because he happens to be the injured party and not the wrongdoer.

He then went on to discuss Mr. Kahane's alternative argument that at least contributory negligence could be attributed to the child's mother for allowing him out on the streets in the care of a nine-year-old girl, and this negligence could be imputed to the child.

After referring to English and American law on the subject, Justice Berinson concluded that the theory of identity of negligence as between a child and an adult in whose care he is, was accepted neither in England nor America and that, in short, the contributory negligence of a third person for the injury done to a child in his care, is no defence for the wrongdoer, and the latter is held responsible for the damages *in toto* (see 1933, 1 K.B. 35).

Mother Not Guilty

In any case, the Justice continued, there was no contributory negligence in the present case as the girl in whose charge the child had been had kept him on the pavement and prevented him from joining the children playing in the street and it was only when she loosened her grip on his hand that he had slipped out of her grasp and dashed into the street. Furthermore, the District Court had held that the mother also was not guilty of contributory negligence.

Turning next to both parties' criticism of the amount of damages awarded, Justice Berinson said that it is quite possible that in other cases higher or lower damages were awarded. But while it is eminently desirable to have some kind of consistency, no case comparable to the present one was produced by opposing Counsel as a yardstick for measuring the damages due to the first respondent. There was, therefore, no cause for the Supreme Court to interfere with the lower court's assessment.

Appeal and counter-appeal dismissed without costs.

Judgment given on February 4, 1958.

Paris Quiz Prize—Week in Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Mlle. Solange Benadon, 26, a secretary in a Parisian advertisement firm, says she is "opening my eyes wider every hour I am here."

She is spending a week in Israel after winning a seven-question quiz contest conducted by Luxembourg Radio in Paris a month ago.

Luxembourg Radio teams regularly tour France, and twice a year hold a "circus" at a Paris theatre where one of the attractions is the quiz, in which participants from the audience must answer each question within a minute.

It was Mlle. Benadon's first time in Israel, and her first air trip. "I am doubly enchanted because I am Jewish," she told *The Jerusalem Post.*

Farmers Soon to Get Fertilizer Advice

Extensive researches carried out in the Soil Science Department in the Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture at Rehovot will soon result in farmers being able to receive expert advice as to the most suitable quantities of fertilizer to use for their crops.

This is a development of considerable significance. Hitherto, a standard quantity of fertilizer had been used throughout the country for each crop, irrespective of what the properties of the soil demanded. The result was that in some cases the cost of production was increased because of an extravagant use of fertilizer, while in others, crops suffered through an insufficient supply.

As a first step in the experiments carried out in this connection in a large number of agricultural settlements throughout the country, investigations were made of the response of maize to nitrogen fertilizers in different soil conditions, after which the experiments were extended to determine the quantities of fertilizer required.

Asor Committee Formed in Italy

A public committee to organize Israel's Tenth Anniversary Celebrations has been set up in Italy. The members of the presidium of this committee are:

Prof. Arangio Ruiz, President of the Italian Academy of Fine Arts, President of the Committee; Senator Luigi Einaudi, the former President; S.E. Eula, President of the High Court of Justice; S.E. Raffaele pio Petrilli, President of the State Council; S.E. Giglio, President of the Supreme Court in Rome; S.E. Borelli, President of the Supreme Court in Milan; On. Aldo Bozzi and On. Porzio, Members of Parliament; S.E. Guerriero, Administrative Court Judge; Prof. Gino Luzzato and Prof. Giogio Levi Della Vida, Members of the Fine Arts Academy.

Fined IL1,000 For Theft from Treasury

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A fine of IL1,000 was yesterday imposed on Avraham Brooks, 60, for having conspired with Yona Singer, an official of the Foreign Currency Division of the Treasury, in the theft of IL13,400 from the Division's funds.

Magistrate H. Bental, in passing sentence, stated that the accused had a clean past but had been influenced by Singer. (Itim)

PROTEST. — Britain has made representations to Rumania about the arrest of a Rumanian employee of the British Legation in Bucharest, Mr. George Balica, 34, who on Wednesday was arrested with "considerable violence."

Symposium Airs Freedom of Press

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A journalist should be free to write as he sees fit, just as any citizen in a true democracy may say what he likes, Mr. G. Schocken, M.K. (Progressive) and editor of "Ha'aretz," said on Thursday night.

Speaking in a symposium on "Freedom of the Press" to mark the opening of the Liberal Club, in the Maxim Cinema building, he said that newsmen had agreed to military censorship as that affected our physical existence, and he believed that the "gentleman's agreement" between the press and the military authorities was binding enough without any legislation. Mr. Schocken gave Britain as an example, where even in the most critical period of World War II no censorship law was enacted.

Closed Meetings

"Closed meetings" were not the same thing as secret meetings, he pointed out.

Earlier, Mr. I. Harari M.K. (Progressive), on the other side of the table, said he did not see how the freedom of the press would be affected by the amendment which he had proposed to the Knesset Law referring to the press. He thought that press reports on "closed meetings" of Knesset committees resulted from leakages which could not possibly give a true picture of the sessions. Knesset members leaked only biased information, Mr. Harari charged.

Concerning the military censor, Mr. Harari saw no reason why the "gentleman's agreement" should not be included in a law.

The proposed Knesset Law would attempt to enforce political censorship, charged Dr. H. Rosenblum, editor of "Yedioth Ahronoth." Present restrictions on the press are "absurd," he said, but journalists had voluntarily agreed to such censorship for security reasons.

Mr. T. R. Lurie, editor of *The Jerusalem Post,* chaired the meeting, and Mr. Uri Kessary opened the new club.

Formosa Premier Out After Impeachment

TAIPEH, Saturday (Reuter) — The Chinese Nationalist Prime Minister, Mr. O.K. Yui, who was impeached in December, resigned today after three and a half years in office. His resignation was submitted this morning after a long meeting with General Chiang Kai-shek, the Formosa Leader.

The Premier was formally reprimanded by General Chiang yesterday.

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Bee Attack Adulterated Jam, Ministry Says

The cause of the presence of foreign objects in a consignment of jams from the Rimon Preserves Factory was a sudden attack on the plant by a swarm of bees while the jam was being prepared, the Ministry of Health has announced.

It added that steps have been taken to prevent the recurrence of such a mishap, and that this solitary instance should not be taken to reflect on the generally satisfactory standards of the factory.

SCHOOL POISONING INQUIRY ENDED

The special inquiry committee investigating the poisoning of 700 schoolchildren in Jerusalem a fortnight ago has completed the hearing of testimony and is expected to complete its report shortly.

504 Israelis To Canada Last Year

OTTAWA, Saturday (INA). — Israel citizens immigrating to Canada totalled 504 out of a total Jewish immigration of 5,472 during 1957, it was announced by the Canadian Department of Immigration.

The comparative figures of 1956 were 346 from Israel out of a total of 1,632 Jewish immigrants.

Various reports also point to an increase in anti-Semitism as a result of the influx of Hungarian immigrant refugees. On several occasions Hungarian immigrants have been haled into court charged with various anti-Semitic acts.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PLANS CONVENTION

The Jewish Historical Society of Israel will hold its fourth annual convention during the intermediate days of Passover, in the Hebrew University buildings, Jerusalem.

The convention will discuss the subjects, "Messianism and Nationalism in Israel and among the Nations."

Among those who will deliver lectures will be eminent historians.

Church Services

JERUSALEM

St. Paul's Church (Musrara Qr.): E.S., 7 p.m. H.C., as announced. Clergy: Canon H.R.A. Jones (Tel 3713). Rev. J. Ayre (Tel. 5194).

St. Andrew's Church (Scots Memorial) M.S. 10 a.m. Minister Rev. W. Gardiner Scott. Vesper Service united with Y.M.C.A. at 6.15 p.m.

Catholic: 6 a.m. German Hospice Chapel. Languages: German, Italian, English. French 7 a.m. Terra Sancta Chapel. Languages: English, French, German, Italian; St. Pierre de Sion (Ratisbonne). Languages: French, Arabic, English, German Hungarian, Hebrew, Portuguese; 8 a.m. Jesuits Chapel (near King David Hotel) Languages: French, English, Italian. 9 a.m. Pierre de Sion 10 a.m. Terra Sancta College.

Notre Dame de France (St. Paul's St.), M.S. 8 a.m. Languages: French, English, German, Italian.

American Gospel Church (Prophets St. near Bikur Holim). Morning Worship 11 a.m. Midweek Prayers: Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Minister L.F. Irish.

Christian Fellowship Vesper Hour at Y.M.C.A. 6.15 p.m. Speaker: Rev. Leigh F. Irish.

Brethren (Jamil House, Talbieh), Breaking of Bread, Sunday: 9.30 a.m. Wednesday: Bible Hour, 7.30 p.m. Saturday: 3.30 p.m. Good News Hour.

Church of the Nazarene (St. Julian's Way). E.S. 7.30 p.m.

Bible Evangelical Mission (Pentecostal), Hovevei Zion St., first house: Sunday, 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. (Rev. J.W. Foster).

Jerusalem Baptist Congregation (Opp. Gan Rehavia) Wednesday: Bible reading & Prayer, 6.30 p.m. Friday: E.S. 6.30 p.m. Saturday: Bible Study 10.30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventists (Rehov Abraham Lincoln, near Y.M.C.A.): 9.30 a.m. Sabbath School. 10.45 a.m. Preaching & Worship: 4 p.m. Bible class.

Russian Orthodox Church (Russian Compound); Mass 8 a.m. (Russian).

Greek Orthodox Church (St. Simeon's, Katamon): Mass 8.30 a.m. (Greek & Arabic).

Assemblies of God Church, corner Mamilla & King George Rds. (Pastor: H.B. Pencovic): Sat., 7.30 p.m.; Sun., 5 p.m. Prayer Meeting: Wed. 7.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV & JAFFA

Immanuel Church (Anglican Episcopal) off 19 Eilat St. H.C., 7.30 a.m.; M.S. 10 a.m. E.S. 7 p.m. Preacher: Rev. R.G. Allison, P.O.B. 2773. Tel Aviv.

Church of Scotland (St. Peter's), Jaffa: M.S. 10 a.m. E.S. 7 p.m.

St. Peter's Church (Roman Catholic), near Clock Tower: 9 a.m. & 6 p.m. (Polish Sermon); Weekdays, 7.30 a.m.; Saturday: High Mass, 9 a.m. Confessions one hour prior to all masses.

Russian Orthodox Church (St. Peter's Church, Abu Kebir): Mass 9 a.m. (Russian).

St. Anthony Catholic Church Jaffa: Sunday Masses, 8 & 10 a.m. 6 p.m. Languages: Arabic, French, German, English, Italian, Spanish.

HAIFA

St. Luke's Church: (Anglican Episcopal) Mountain Rd., near Vine St. H.C. 7.30 a.m.; M.S. 10 a.m.; E.S. 6.30 p.m. Chaplain: Revd John Ryecart, (Tel. 2713; P.O.B. 1797).

The Scandinavian Seamen's Church, 41 Meir St., P.O.B. 1305. Lutheran Service, 7.30 p.m. (Rev. Per Faye Hansen).

Russian Orthodox Church (St. Eliyah's Cave, Mt. Carmel): Mass 8 a.m.

Brethren (Bethesda Gospel Hall, 59 Allenby Rd.): Sun.: Breaking of Bread. 9.30 a.m. (2nd & 4th Sun. of month. 6.30 p.m.): Gospel meeting. 5 p.m. Wed.: Bible Study, 5 p.m.; Prayer, 6.30 p.m. Sat.: Bible study. 5 p.m. Languages: Hebrew, Arabic, English, Russian, German, etc.

NAZARETH

Church of Annunciation (Greek Orthodox): Mass 8 a.m. (Greek and Arabic).

Notices to the Public

CORRECTION

In the Government Tourist Corporation's announcement concerning the opening of Accommodation Offices published on Thursday, February 13, 1958, the telephone number of the Tel Aviv Office should have been 29934/5, AND NOT 29304/5.

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Oil paintings by Samuel Ra'ayoni; oil paintings and drawings by Lea Majaro-Mints. Jerusalem Artists House, 10-1, 4-6.

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Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour starting at 9 a.m. Book for this free tour by phoning 4061, Hadassah Club, Straus Health Centre.

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ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
522, 249, 33.3 & 41.7 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.35, 7.00 & 7.58 a.m. 1.30, 5.30, 7.00, 9.00, 11.00 p.m.

English: 1.45 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service (R). 6.37 Callisthenics. 6.47 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Morning Melodies. 8.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. Lunchtime Music — Soloist: Joe Stafford (Vocalist). 12.30 Woman's Corner. 12.45 Light Classical Music: Overture "Marinarella" (Fucik); Rumanian Rhapsody No. 2 in D op. 11 (Enesco); "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" (Dukas), 1.20 Messages to Immigrants. 2.15 Close Down.

4.00 News Summaries in English, Swedish and Spanish. 5.05 "Perpetuum Mobile." 5.30 Youth Corner. 6.00 "We Present Tonight." 6.05 Popular Songs & Tunes. 6.20 "For Your Health". 6.40 Oriental Songs. 7.15 "At the Piano": Gert Bondi. 7.35 From the Sports Field. 8.00 Light Music. 8.30 "Pro & Con." 8.55 Bible Reading: Psalms. Chaps. 77 & 78. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Concert by I.P.O. — "El Salon Mexico" (Copland); Piano Concerto No. 1 in E-flat-major (Liszt) 10.15 "Theatre Evenings." 10.45 Jazz. 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
432, 460, 202.7, 41.7 & 33.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.00 "We Present Tonight." 6.05 Music for Sunday. 6.40 Tunes by Emil Stern.

7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Rumanian. 8.45 Hungarian. 8.30 Ladino. 9.00 Interval. 9.15 Hebrew Lesson. 9.30 News in Easy Hebrew. 9.45 Polish. 10.00 News in English. 10.15 Close Down.

ARABIC PROGRAMME
407 & 41.07 M.

Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30—7.15 a.m. 1.15—2.15 and 5.30—9.45 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): Programme to South Africa: 6.30 News. 6.43 "Sunday Column"—Walter Eytan. 6.50 "We Live Here." 7.15 Yiddish.

Programme to the U.K.: 11.30 News. 11.43 "Sunday Column" — Walter Eytan. 11.50 "Land of the Bible." 12.15 Religious Life in Israel.

ARMY PROGRAMME (48.4, 216, 225 & 335 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Songs. 7.00 News. 7.10 Sport. 7.30 News from the Record Library. 8.00 "For Your Information." 8.15 "This Evening's Star." 8.35 Your Favourites. 9.00 News. 9.15 Weekly Announcements. 9.45 Dance Music. 10.30 Close Down.

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GIVAT RAMBAM: "Segalit" Perfumery, 28 Rehov Rambam.

Advertisements also accepted through all recognized agencies

Antiques—Arts

OLD COINS—curiosities bought. Better stamps, 35 Rehov Herzl, Haifa.

Dwellings—Premises

EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY: 1) For sale due to departure: licensed pharmacy available immediately, IL15,000 with refrigerator and telephone. 2) Luxurious villa with 2 rooms, 20 minutes from Tel Aviv, Available immediately — IL12,500. 3) 2½ room flat, Rehov Gordon-Frishman, 2nd floor front; IL14,500—for sale. For sale and to let flats with 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 3½ and 4 rooms. Shops, offices and restaurants. Please apply to: "Hametavech," 39 Rehov Hayarkon (corner Rehov Geula), Tel Aviv; (10-1, 4-6.30).

BRAND NEW 2-room flat, "Frigidaire," gas range, hot water. Vacant: April 1. Apply owner direct: 182 Rehov Arlosoroff, flat 13, (7.30—9 p.m. daily), Tel Aviv.

CHILDLESS couple seeks furnished flat for one year. Write No. 151, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem.

FOR SALE, Tel Aviv, Chen Boulevard (Kikar Malchei Israel) — modern 2½-room flat, high ceiling, suitable for private surgery. Phone 23528, Tel Aviv (8.30-9 a.m.; 6-7 p.m.)

TO RENT or to let furnished flats—Romas, 8 Rothschild Blvd. Tel Aviv.

TO LET furnished villa, 5 rooms, against monthly payment; in Ramat Gan. Apply No. 4570, P.O.B. 1354, Tel Aviv.

TO TOURISTS: to let elegant rooms, separate entrance, excellent service; opposite Dan Hotel. Telephone 23428, Tel Aviv.

TO LET shop with 2 show windows; centrally located on Hadar Hacarmel. Apply: Tel. 66227, Haifa.

TO LET furnished 3½-room flat in a 2-family house, for 2 years; 4 Rehov Hazamir, Shikun Vatikim, Ramat Gan (4-6).

TO LET for one year in Ramat Hasharon 2½-room house, luxuriously furnished. Apply after 4 p.m. Schein, House No. 588, Shikun Amami, Ramat Hasharon.

Lessons

"SAMI" ballroom and tap dancing, 26 Keren Kayemet Blvd., Tel Aviv, Tel.: 23309.

Purchase—Sale

WANTED first-class washing machine and first-class refrigerator from private owner only. P.O.B. 2880, Tel Aviv.

Situations Vacant

WANTED woman to take complete charge of baby and flat, and sleep in. Write: No. 1809, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem.

REQUIRED English typist/receptionist, Tel.: 26666, Tel Aviv.

WANTED English literary translator, publicity agent and clerk (female). Apply: P.O.B. 824, Tel Aviv.

Situations Wanted

RELIABLE lady, very good cook, experienced with children, speaks English; would live-in; seeks position. Apply: No. 1918, P.O.B. 1125, Tel Aviv.

WELL EDUCATED girl, 24, seeks permanent work as nurse, governess, housekeeper, etc., in any town. Write to: P.O.B. 1362, Haifa.

Vehicles

FIAT convertible for rent, IL10 per day, minimum 3 weeks. Phone 20768, Tel Aviv.

Miscellaneous

GIFT parcels: oranges, export quality, Tel Aviv: "Transorient," 2 Rehov Har Sinai, 53 Rehov Nahlat Binyamin, Tel. 65979. Haifa: "Transorient," 35 Rehov Hanamal, 12 Rehov Bialik. Jerusalem: Photo Eliezer, opposite Egged.

Today's Pastbag

The Weather

Forecast: Fair.
Weather Synopsis: A high pressure centre situated over the Western and central Mediterranean with an extended reach to the eastern Mediterranean.

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Chas'an	57	6	15	15
Tiberias	62	10	21	20
Haifa Port	64	11	19	19
Natanya	66	9	20	20
Tel Aviv Port	74	11	18	19
Lydda Airport	68	6	19	20
Jerusalem	54	6	14	15
Beersheba	62	4	18	19
Eilat	88	21	28	34

*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. yesterday. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Meir Grossman, of the Jewish Agency Executive, from a three weeks mission to Europe (by El Al).

THE HISTADRUT-SPONSORED Farmers and Workers Fund has once again issued an Arabic wall calendar, bearing Hebrew and Gregorian dates as well as those of the Hejira and the Eastern Church.

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THE MINISTER of Interior, Mr. Yisrael Bar-Yehuda, inaugurated the new Beit Shemesh Local Council building over the weekend.

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A DAY AND night civil defence exercise will be held in Natanya on Tuesday. Civilians are requested to cooperate and to vacate the streets when the sirens are sounded.

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INFILTRATORS from the Gaza Strip stole a mule valued at IL 700 from Moshav Nir Moshe, in the eastern Negev, on Thursday night.

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A BUILDING worker, Ezra Carmeli, 37, of Kiryat Shalom, collapsed while standing on a scaffold on a Jaffa house, and died at the Donalo Hospital shortly after.

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IN THE DRAW of the Popular Loan Lottery, 1955, held in Jerusalem on Thursday, top prizes were won by No. 39,681, sub-series 3 — IL40,000; sub-series 2—IL15,000; sub-series 1 — IL15,000; No. 2,813 of the three sub-series — IL5,000, IL1,000 each was won by the three sub-series of Nos. 104,501 and 106,873, while the three sub-series of Nos. 46,877, 53,090, 37,850, 101,063, 67,847 and 73,285 won IL500 each.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

The Struggle for Independence

February 16, 1948

The Palestine Commission called on the U.N. Security Council to send an armed international force to implement Partition. The resolution was adopted unanimously by the five members of the Commission.

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A dawn attack by 300 Arabs on Tirat Zvi in the Beisan Valley was repulsed by settlers, who suffered only one dead. The attackers left 57 dead on the field and three prisoners.

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President Harry Truman sent a personal appeal to the heads of all the Arab countries urging them "to prevent the spread of disorders in Palestine."

Doctors Put Off Protest Strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Saturday. — The Central Committee of the Israel Medical Association yesterday decided to postpone the protest strike of public employed doctors, scheduled for Tuesday.

The Committee spokesman announced that the postponement was agreed upon at the request of the Prime Minister, who promised to speed up the negotiations between the Association and Kupat Holim on the grading and working conditions of the doctors employed by the sick fund.

Yuval Gad Workers On Warning Strike Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHKELON, Saturday. — Workers of the Yuval Gad Pipe Factory will tomorrow hold a one-hour warning strike.

They threatened to go on an extended strike unless they receive complete guarantees for their future, and stated they are not satisfied with the vague promises that have been made to them by the Histadrut Central Committee that their rights will be safeguarded.

Histadrut circles said today that the organization would take up the Yuval Gad problems, but that there was no easy solution.

Two Pickets Held For Damaging Plant

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Two Ramot Yam workers were arrested on Thursday for allegedly damaging machinery of a factory which they claimed employed unorganized workers.

According to the police, the Secretary of the Ramot Yam Labour Exchange and ten workers on Thursday morning threatened to damage the machinery of the Plastic Goods Factory owned by Mr. N. Friedman, an Argentine citizen, if he did not dismiss the unorganized workers. The factory has a working force of six.

Police summoned to the spot sent the men away, but the workers returned and allegedly severed an electricity cable, causing damage estimated at IL100.

(Itim)

Beduin Lands Hit Hard by Drought

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — The dearth of rain has caused severe damage to 250,000 dunams of arable land worked by the Beduin in the Negev.

Moreover, one million dunams of Beduin grazing land have been hit so hard by the drought that the military government has allotted them pasture land further north. If no rain falls by the time this has been exhausted, the Beduin will be forced to sell a large proportion of their live-stock.

Some damage is reported from settlements north of Beersheba, but the situation has improved considerably. It is predicted however, that this year's crop will be less than last year's.

Israel Transport to Grow On Land, Sea, Air in Next Decade

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The transport facilities envisaged for the population of three million persons expected in the next decade were outlined by the Minister of Transport, Mr. Moshe Carmel, here yesterday.

They will include two deep-water harbours, an improved highway network and a railway system extending to Eilat, he told the weekly luncheon meeting of the Commercial and Industrial Club.

Highway improvements long overdue would also be undertaken to avoid a bottleneck in road transport, the Minister said. The country's road transport system must be overhauled — "it was outdated and run on wasteful fuel — on petrol and not diesel oil."

During the past three years, IL22m. had been invested in buses, increasing carrying capacity by 50 per cent, and IL28m. had been spent on trucks, raising tonnage capacity by 38 per cent. By April, 120 more buses would go into service, and another 100 during the summer. Next year's budget included an allocation for a further 100 buses, he revealed.

Noting the revolution which had overtaken our national airline with the introduction of the Britannia airliners, Mr. Carmel said that El Al was now able to compete successfully with international airlines. This had fully justified the IL49m. invested in the planes and IL2m. in training the air crews.

The present El Al schedule of eight flights a week from Lydda, including two to the U.S., would now be increased. From tomorrow, February 16 there would be 11 flights — three to the U.S., and by June 15, there would be 16 weekly flights, five of them on the trans-Atlantic route.

During 1958, three Britannias and four Constellations would be operated, while a fourth Britannia would be acquired at the end of the year.

Until the time when the deep-water harbours at Ashdod and Eilat will be ready, in another seven years, the existing harbours at Haifa and Tel Aviv-Jaffa would have to be exploited to their utmost capacity to handle an expected 700,000 to 800,000 tons of additional trade. The quays of Haifa Port would be extended by another 520 metres which would add 500,000 tons to its handling capacity.

Our merchant marine at present operates 34 vessels totalling 230,000 tons, and 34 more ships would be acquired during the next five years to bring our resources to 600,000 tons. An increase in trained seamen from the present 2,700 to over 8,000 would be needed to man them.

To date $70m. had been invested in shipping, and a further $88m. would be spent by 1963.

Tunisia

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reported that their army posts had adequate food supplies for the time being.

Isolated French Air Force posts had been supplied by helicopter without incident and now had food for 15 days and water for 10 days. The French Army depot at Kasar Said, near Tunis, where there are 240 men, had food for two or three days.

The application of the Tunisian blockade varied from place to place. In the Bizerta region some French officers were allowed to move about in civilian clothes and some places were still being supplied by local merchants.

General Antoine Gambiez, Commander of the French forces in Tunisia, had been authorized to move about freely since last night. In addition, French sources said he had visited the Bizerta naval base and Gabes base more or less clandestinely. The Tunisian authorites and the French Army had expressed their wish to avoid incidents.

The Tunisians appeared anxious to avoid any deterioration of the situation before the U.N. Security Council meeting on Tuesday to consider the Tunisian complaint about the bombing of Sakiet. The Council has also before it a French counter complaint against Tunisia for granting aid to the Algerian insurgents.

The attitude of both the French and Tunisians on the political level remained unchanged, however. Tunisia is demanding total evacuation of the 15,00 French troops in the country and has offered all facilities to help the evacuation of isolated camps to bigger bases. The French say the blockade of their camps is inadmissible pressure.

French Embassy officials in Tunis last night said that a total of 438 French civilians had been expelled from their homes in border areas.

A detachment of about 30 Tunisian national guardsmen earlier yesterday surrounded the French consulate at Medjez el Bad, west of Tunis, which the Tunisian authorities yesterday ordered to be closed. They also ordered the closing of the French consulates at Le Kep and Gafsa.

M. Jean Pierre Bernard, French Charge d'Affaires, instructed the consuls to remain at their posts because he regarded the Tunisian order as a breach of the consular agreement between the two countries.

In Paris the French Government banned a meeting of protest against the Sakiet raid called for Friday night. Several speakers, including the academician and poet, M. Jean Paul Sartre, and a number of members of Parliament were to address the meeting. Counter-demonstrations planned against the proposed meeting were also banned.

4 Months Jail, Licence Held Up for Road Death

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A taxi driver who caused the death of a passenger when his vehicle overturned, was yesterday sentenced to four months imprisonment and suspension of his licence for one year.

The driver, Hanukka Dada, of Jerusalem, was charged with causing the death, not with criminal negligence, of Frieda Klein, 78, on the Haifa-Tel Aviv road in March, 1956. She had died in hospital.

District Court Judge P. Avissar declared that the accident had occurred because the car, which had worn tyres, was driven at 60 k.p.h. a speed too fast for the prevailing conditions, at a bend on a wet road.

(Itim)

Army Officer, Wife, Hurt in Road Crash

HAIFA, Saturday. — An Army captain and his wife were seriously injured yesterday evening when the military jeep in which they were travelling collided with a taxi near Ein Hod on the Haifa-Tel Aviv highway.

The jeep was thrown into a ditch by the impact of the collision. Two soldiers travelling with them were slightly hurt.

The couple's baby, which the wife had been holding, escaped injury.

SPEED TRAPS SET UP IN NEGEV

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — Traffic police of the Negev District have issued a warning that speed traps have been set up on all Negev roads, north and south of Beersheba.

On Thursday 100 vehicles were caught in speed traps north of Beersheba, travelling at high speeds. During January, Beersheba and Ashkelon traffic courts dealt with over 1,000 offenders.

Peres: Israel Not Wanted In Iraq-Jordan Pact

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HOLON, Saturday. — Mr. Shimon Peres, Director-General of the Ministry of Defence, said yesterday that he did not believe that the Jordan-Iraq merger was "a step to incorporate Israel into the area." He was speaking to a youth group assembled in the new Mapai club here, named after Nehemia Argov, the late Military Secretary to the Prime Minister.

Unions, Mr. Peres said, were not made by mere radio pronouncements. Israel would like nothing better than to arrive at some understanding with the Arabs, but so long as the Arabs do not want to take this course, Israel has to strengthen her ties with her friends in Europe and Africa.

Meanwhile Israelis will have to appreciate the situation realistically and act accordingly. The issue before us now is the choice between personal comforts and the strengthening of the country's ability to withstand her neighbours' strength.

2-Storey Supermart In Hadar Hacarmel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Saturday. — A foodstuffs supermarket is to be established by Hamashbir Hamercazi here in Hadar Hacarmel.

The market, together with a department store, will occupy two storeys of a building now under construction in Rehov Hanevi'im, near the Atzmon Cinema. It is to be completed within a year.

With a total floorspace of 1,200 sq. metres, the stores will be run by a partnership of Hamashbir and the Hazarkhan Company.

In the same building, which is being erected by two local contractors, the Municipality is putting up a two-storey car park in the lower floors.

RASSCO BUILDS SHOPPING CENTRE

NAHARIYA, Saturday. — RASSCO has begun the construction of a shopping centre, which will contain 12 shops on the ground floor. Twenty-two office rooms on the first floor will be taken over by the Local Council administration.

IMG's IL600,000 to Restore Five Archaeological Sites

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Edward B. Lawson, yesterday presented IL600,000 from Informational Media Guarantee funds to the Society for Landscape Improvement and Development of Historical Sites, at a ceremony at the U.S. Embassy.

Dr. Yigael Yadin, head of the Society, accepted the grant, to be used for the restoration of the Megiddo, Athlit, S'beita, Abda and Montfort historical sites.

"We want to make these sites attractive to the layman, particularly the tourist and youth of the country," he said. The sites would be cleaned and paths laid out.

At Megiddo, work in preparing the site had already started and would be completed by July, Dr. Yadin said. An interesting experience there would be going down a shaft into the water tunnel, which was a necessity for fortified garrison cities in times of siege. A museum would also be set up at this site, for which IL200,000 had been allocated.

Work at the Montfort Crusader castle in Galilee, and the Byzantine city of S'beita, in the south, would be completed in about two months, and all of the restoration work would be finished within a year, Dr. Yadin said. Athlit, for which IL200,000 had been set aside, would be open to the public shortly. Till now it has been a military area.

Dr. Yadin thanked the Ambassador for the grant, terming it one of the most original acts of cooperation between the New World and this old nation. "The restoration of the past, and building for the future, are the best guarantees for the survival of this country," he said.

Mr. Ted Kollek, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office, said it was not sufficient to uncover archaeological sites, and that they also must be preserved. Between 50 and 60 sites needed development, but these five places in different parts of the country had been chosen with a view to attracting tourists.

Also present at the ceremony were Mr. H. Backus, Special Assistant to the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. D. Doron, Special Cultural Consultant, and Mr. J. Yanai, of the Prime Minister's Office. The Society was appointed by the Prime Minister.

The fourth year of diggings at Hatzor would start on June 4, while the first official publication of findings at this historical site would be issued next month, followed by magazine articles, he stated.

Byzantine Quarry Found Near S'beita

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — A stone quarry, dating from Byzantine times, was discovered a few days ago by Even Vesid engineers, about six kms. east of S'beita. It is presumed that the Byzantine inhabitants of the town quarried stone from this site for their houses.

An ancient marble quarry was also found in the vicinity.

Kfar Saba Hapoel Beat Tel Aviv Hapoel, Leaders Win 5-0

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Kfar Saba Hapoel, bottom of the National League last week, were responsible for the shock result of today's games, when they beat Tel Aviv Hapoel, 2:0, here today. Another unexpected victory was that of Haifa Hapoel in the Capital against their clubmates, by 1:0.

League leaders, Tel Aviv Maccabi, again had their shooting boots on and put in five goals against Petah Tikva Maccabi. Outside right Rafi Levy scored a hat-trick, and internationals, Yehoshua Glaser and Yitzhak Nahmias, one each. Jerusalem Hapoel's loss at home brought them down from third to fifth spot.

Haifa Maccabi, who have improved recently and fought their way from bottom to third place, are only four points behind the leaders. Petah Tikva Hapoel beat Natanya Maccabi away and remained in second place, two points behind Tel Aviv Maccabi.

Tel Aviv Hapoel, although without Chodorov in goal and Centre-half Lefkovitz, had no excuse for not beating Kfar Saba. Their forwards failed to get past centre-half Schmorra and goalkeeper Netzovsky. The winner's goals came from its inside-right Tzachovel in the 18th minute and centre-forward Kochavy in the 71st.

Boaz Kaufman, centre-forward, scored Petah Tikva Hapoel's only goal in the 59th minute. Ramat Gan Hapoel's two goals against Jaffa Maccabi came in the 57th and 88th minutes, through inside-left Pullover and inside-right Reuben Cohen, respectively.

Over 4,000 spectators saw Jerusalem Hapoel lose 1-0 to Haifa Hapoel at home in the German Colony. The only goal of the game was netted by Boulos in the 83rd minute.

Jerusalem Betar climbed to the top of League A after defeating Tel Aviv Shimshon, 1-0, after a goalless half. The only goal was scored by Zvika in the 62nd minute, in a game at the Y.M.C.A., Jerusalem before 4,000 spectators.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Results: Petah Tikva Hap. 1, Natanya Mac. 0; Haifa Hap. 1, Jerusalem Hap. 0; Tel Aviv Mac. 5, Petah Tikva Mac. 0; Ramat Gan Hap. 2, Jaffa Mac. 0; Kfar Saba Hap. 2, Tel Aviv Hap. 0; Haifa Mac. 4, Tel Aviv Bet 0.

LEAGUE A Results: Rnei Yehuda 4, Hadera Mac. 0; Kiryat Haim Hap. 2, Rehovot Mac. 1; Jerusalem Betar 1, Tel Aviv Shimshon 0; Hadera Hap. 2, Sha'arayim Mac. 0; Tel Aviv Hakoah 3, Rehovot Hap. 1; Afula Hap. 3, Mahane Yehuda Hap. 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS:

	G.	Gf.	Ga.	Pts.
T.A. Mac.	8	26-	6	14
Petah T. Hap.	8	22-	8	12
Haifa Mac.	8	16-	8	10
Ramat Gan. Hap.	8	9-	8	10
J'lem Hap.	9	10-10		10
Natanya Mac.	8	13-11		8
Haifa Hap.	8	13-11		8
T.A. Hap.	8	13-14		8
Jaffa Mac.	9	9-13		8
K. Saba Hap.	8	8-21		4
Petah Tikva Mac.	8	10-30		3
T.A. Betar	8	8-25		3

Two Sailors Beached For Having Opium

HAIFA, Saturday. — Two crewmen of the s.s. Eyal were ordered off the ship by the police this week on suspicion of having kept drugs in their cabins.

While the vessel was in Iskenderun Port earlier this month, the Turkish police received information that one of the ship's crew had bought opium. A protracted search led to the discovery of the drug in the vessel.

Haifa was informed and when the Eyal arrived here last week, she was awaited by a police patrol boat.

Police dogs located a hiding place in one of the ship's cabins which bore the smell of drugs.

BUCHNER FOR ARBELL IN J'LEM POLICE

First Inspector Michael Buchner has been appointed Head of the Special Duties Branch and spokesman of the Jerusalem District Police in place of Assistant District Superintendent Yehuda Arbell, who has been transferred.

Mahane Yehuda Hapoel Suspended for 6 Weeks

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Football Association Disciplinary Committee yesterday suspended the Mahane Yehuda Hapoel club, of Petah Tikva, from playing League A football for six weeks. They thus automatically lose all points for this period. The decision was a punishment for the club's unsporting behaviour last Saturday during its match against Rehovot Maccabi, after which Referee A. Zahavy had to be taken to hospital.

Last week, Mahane Yehuda led League A with 14 points from 10 games. Their suspension gives them practically no chance of winning the League championship now. The Mahane Yehuda goalkeeper, Gideon Simchi, has been suspended from playing League football for one year, and Wieber, of Rehovoth Maccabi, was given a three months' suspension.

Referee Zahavy was injured by stones thrown by the Petah Tikva crowd. The game ended in a 4:4 draw. Afula Hapoel, scheduled to meet Mahane Yehuda today, was awarded a walkover win of 3:0.

Jordan Improving Port of Akaba

AMMAN, Saturday (UP). — The Akaba Port authority has approved allocation of £8m. for the purchase and installation of wireless equipment at Akaba Port in order to facilitate communication with Jedda, Suez and Port Said, in addition to communicating with ships sailing in Akaba Gulf.

Technicians are already installing lighthouses at various points of the harbour. Once the wireless and lighthouses are in operation, Akaba Port would have taken advanced steps towards full completion of the Port. There will only remain as a major operation — the construction of the long quay, which several International companies are studying.

Zoo Animals

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by a cacophony of cries and howls from the passengers already disembarked and those still waiting, the birds were slowly hoisted down, a pair of secretary birds and an African vulture. Then came boxes well fastened down and marked "dangerous reptiles," their inmates hissing and seething inside.

Two remaining crates, four metres high, out of one projecting the dappled neck of a giraffe, were then swung ashore. Its sea-sick mate preferred to meet its new homeland seated.

The animals were acquired from leading collectors in Kenya, with funds donated from abroad to the Tel Aviv Zoo. Since the Atlit left Mombassa, 18 days ago, Mr. Gofer, Tel Aviv Zoo Director and Mr. Johnny Suchies, its head keeper, were kept occupied attending to the individual needs of the animals who found their sea legs after their first day afloat and made excellent sailors.

To lessen the discomfort of the animals in their closely confined crates, unloading was speeded up and dock-workers worked till the early hours of the morning. The animals were transported right away to the Tel Aviv Zoo despite the Sabbath.

The Zoo will be closed tomorrow and possibly Monday while the new arrivals are installed.

Detained Zealots Released on Bail

Twenty Natorei Karta members who were arrested on Thursday in a clash with the police during a demonstration against the construction of a swimming pool in Jerusalem were released on Friday by Jerusalem Magistrates Court in IL100 bail each.

The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow. They were charged with illegal assembly.

Before the session, the scheduled Magistrate Mr. Y. Bazak, announced his refusal to hear the case, and it was transferred to Magistrate Y. Noam.

The ultra-orthodox detainees were brought to the court in two groups, singing. Before the magistrate's entrance to the courtroom, the accused went into consultation to decide whether to stand up in Court and then sit down when the Magistrate entered, or whether just to remain seated when he came in. They adopted the latter procedure.

Confronted with the charge, most of the accused refused to recognize the Court's authority. One of them said to the Magistrate "Talk to the wall." Another, who accepted the Court's authority, claimed that a policeman had slapped his face and broken his spectacles at the police station.

The Magistrate told him to submit a complaint to the police authorities.

Present in Court was Police officer Y. Trytus, his head bandaged from having been struck with a stone during the demonstration.

Israel Queries Interpol On Diamond Merchant

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Interpol (International Police) in Brussels was yesterday asked by the Israel Police as to the whereabouts of a diamond merchant, Zvi Orenstein, suspected of having left Israel with a forged passport.

Orenstein, who is thought to have gone to Brussels, was ordered not to leave Israel by the District Court here at the request of creditors. His passport was deposited with the Court.

The merchant had claimed some time ago that he had been robbed of a parcel containing $100,000 worth of diamonds in the Tel Aviv Diamond Bourse by a tourist who gave him poisoned sweets.

Mr. Orenstein's wife and children have been abroad for some time. *(Itim)*

Contractor Sues 'Haolam Hazeh' for Libel

HAIFA, Saturday. — A libel suit against the weekly "Haolam Hazeh," its editors and publishers, was filed in the Magistrate's Court yesterday by Mr. Yitzhak Frischman, a local contractor.

The plaintiff claims that an article about him, published in the weekly on February 12 under the heading "The Swindling Contractor," constituted libel. The article accused him of smuggling foreign currency and establishing connections with senior police and economic police officers "for illegal purposes."

Mr. Frischman recently executed large-scale contracts in Turkey.

TOURISTS. — In the first six months of this year, 10,000 Soviet tourists will visit 23 countries, TASS said yesterday.

Cables in Brief

ANTARCTIC. — The U.S. Navy will continue to maintain four bases in the Antarctic when the current International Geophysical Year is ended, an American naval spokesman said in London yesterday.

STRIPTEASE. — James Sims, a Union Springs, Alabama, storekeeper, switched his attention from his two male customers to watch a woman by a car parked outside taking off her skirt. Next thing he knew, the two customers had robbed his till of $400, and escaped at gunpoint with their decoy stripper.

DIPLOMAT. — Sir Charles Mendl, distinguished British diplomat, died in Paris on Friday, aged 86. He was Press Attache at the British Embassy between 1926 and 1940.

SPY. — Donald Kawalla, a West German who came to Czechoslovakia in 1956 as a tourist, was jailed for 25 years by the Prague Regional Court as an American spy. Kamil Hermann, former senior official of the Ministry of Foundries and Ore Mines, who gave him "very important" information, was sentenced to death.

LADIES. — The British House of Commons, after a two-day debate, on Friday night, endorsed the Government's plan to allow women to sit and vote in the hitherto all-male House of Lords.

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INDONESIA TODAY

By Dennis Bloodworth

Reconciliation or Ruin

SINGAPORE (OTNS).—THE great Indonesian archipelago sweeps upward across 3,000 miles of ocean from North Australia to shave Malaya so closely that its flurry of small islands off the east coast of Sumatra is clearly visible from Singapore. It is in these waters that the Indonesian Customs and Excise services have detained a number of Singapore-owned cargo ships suspected of trading directly with the rebel administrations in Sumatra. Since Britain has refused to recognize Indonesia's recent claim that all seas within 12 miles of an Indonesian shore are territorial waters, the stage appears to be set for an "incident." The Indonesian Consulate-General in Singapore is meanwhile threatening to insist that all vessels trading with Indonesia provide a bank guarantee before sailing which will be forfeit if they indulge in "black" barter commerce with the dissident provinces, although the detained ships have now been released, and their crews report that Jakarta has declared a "truce" until February 28.

The temerity of the Indonesians is born of something near despair, for independent trading by the outer islands of the Republic, and the spirit of revolt against Jakarta that has inspired it, now threaten the Indonesian State with economic and political destruction.

82m. Total Population

Indonesia's 3,000 islands belong to a unitary Republic with a Central Government in Jakarta, which is on the island of Java. More than 50 million people, out of a total Indonesian population of some 82 million, are crowded into Java. On the other hand, of the total value of Indonesian exports, that passed through Malaya in 1957, six per cent came from Java, while Sumatra, with only 12 million people, provided more than 60 per cent.

About 85 per cent of Indonesia's oil comes from Sumatra and Borneo. Tin is worked only in Sumatra. North-east Sumatra provides the bulk of Indonesia's rubber, which earns the country more than 40 per cent of its foreign exchange. As for rice, Java absorbs 700,000 of the one million tons imported annually to supplement home production.

Java, which earns less than 30 per cent of Indonesia's income, but spends more than 70 per cent of it, depends on the loyalty of the other islands and on maintaining efficient communications with them.

Yet despite this incubus and the failure of the Dutch to train Indonesians so that they could peacefully and efficiently take over, the country has just been able to remain on its feet. This achievement does credit to an able and honest ministry of Indonesian officials, but it has been also made possible by foreign interest — sometimes altruistic, more often self-seeking — which has incidentally given the impoverished country the technical skill, the efficiency, the capital investment in development of resources and essential services that it so desperately needed.

The Dutch provided 70 per cent of all foreign investment. Before December their interests in Indonesia were valued at about £300m. It is estimated that up to 85 per cent of Indonesia's commerce was handled by about five large Dutch trading companies. Seven out of every 10 ships which ensured sea communication between Java and the other Indonesian islands belong to KPM, the Royal Dutch Packet Company. Garuda Airways, the national Indonesian airline, had 293 Dutch flying personnel and technical ground staff.

Six hundred agricultural plantations, including rubber, coffee, tobacco and tea estates, were Dutch-managed, and only 35 were directed by the State Agricultural Service. BPM, the affiliated company of Royal Dutch Shell, refines seven million out of 11m. tons of Indonesia's annual output of oil products. There have been numerous Dutch advisers in Indonesian public services, and other foreign interests have employed Dutch management staff for their local knowledge. The Dutch have a 50 per cent interest in Indonesia's tin mines, and their three large banks in Indonesia were until recently among the country's most important financial institutions. While trade with Indonesia represented only about three per cent of all Holland's commerce, Holland absorbed nearly 20 per cent of all Indonesian exports, and provided 10 per cent of her essential imports.

Dutch Interests

Since last December, the Jakarta Government, striking back hard at Holland for her refusal to relinquish "West Irian" to Indonesia, has taken over almost all Dutch interests, with the single major exception of BPM wherever in Indonesia its orders are obeyed. By mid-January nearly 10,000 of the 50,000 Dutch subjects in the country had left, and it was fully expected that the evacuation would continue until all had gone.

In theory, the consequences of destroying the Dutch nerve-system, which has done so much towards actuating the Indonesian giant, can easily be exaggerated. The simple economy practised in rural districts remains, in many parts of the country, unaffected. The natural resources, the industrial installations, the plantations and business enterprises do not cease to exist because the Dutch leave. BPM continues to operate normally under Dutch management. The Japanese have signed a timely reparations agreement with Indonesia whereby Tokyo will provide approximately £25m. worth of goods and services. A Soviet loan of £10m. will be used to fill gaps left by Dutch personnel and equipment.

Lack of Transport

But, in fact, significant damage has already been done. All air services have been drastically cut. Of 78 of KPM's larger boats, the Indonesians have laid their hands on only 35, as the remaining 40 are in foreign ports. Of these 38 many are lying idly in Javanese ports for lack of qualified officers. Negotiations to charter ships from the Japanese are deadlocked over the price. The prospects of obtaining shipping from other countries may be good, but they are not immediate. Meanwhile, for lack of shipping Indonesia is short of rice, and the flow of official exports has dwindled to a trickle. The internal distribution of rice and essential commodities has been disrupted. There have been acute shortages and the menace of famine not only in parts of Java but in other islands also. The price of rice has doubled, and production is dropping in all enterprises where the men with the know-how have left for Holland. Russian ships and Egyptian rice may come, but these are the conditions which have meanwhile pushed not only the rebel provinces but loyal ones also into developing their own direct trade through Malaya with the outside world. The consequent loss of much-needed revenue to the Government and to Java has forced Jakarta to make war on this "black" commerce. The squabble in the economic field has, in turn, increased the political hostility of the outer islands towards the Javanese and the Central Government. From passive revolt, Sumatra is today moving towards secession, and that island's example may well be followed by others. Secession would mean not only a disastrous economic isolation of Java, but the end of the Indonesian unitary Republic.

This is the first of two articles.

Readers' Letters

WAR DAMAGE IN HOLLAND

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Mr. A. Frank is right in drawing the attention of your readers, in your issue of February 5, to the possibility of receiving additional compensation for war damage sustained in Holland during the Second World War. The prospects of receiving this additional compensation are at present only a possibility and by no means a certainty, as negotiations between J.O.K.O.S., the Jewish ad hoc body, and the West German Government, have not reached a final stage.

Since, on the other hand, the claimants' names should be registered as soon as possible with J.O.K.O.S., Keizersgracht 142, Amsterdam C., Mr. Frank did well to call attention to the matter. Upon receipt of the registration fee (15 guilders, which should be accompanied by no other details than name and address) claimants will be sent a number of forms to fill in. These forms include one granting power-of-attorney to J.O.K.O.S. to submit the claim on their behalf.

In addition to Mr. Frank's observations, I may add that the present compensation will be paid (if it is paid), not by the Netherlands Government, as was the case with regard to claims to the so-called *"Schade Buquete Commissie."* but by the West German Government under the *"Bundes Ruckerstattungsgesetz."* Also, it will be paid (again, if it is paid) not only to those whose household effects were stolen by the Germans and taken to Germany but — contrary to the attitude of the Netherlands Government at the time — also to their heirs, both direct and collateral, if the owners themselves are no longer alive. In that case the various heirs of one person who was entitled to compensation should appoint one of their number, or a notary, to submit the claim on their behalf. At a later stage — i.e. after having filled in the forms — the claimants will be requested to produce evidence that they have, indeed, suffered the damage for which they claim compensation.

The present negotiations, for that matter, concern only compensation for household effects etc., not for money or securities or real estate lost as a result of the war. They apply to Jews only and include both Dutch nationals and anyone who resided in Holland at the outbreak of the war, or their heirs, whatever their nationality and wherever they may live today.

The present registration procedure is relatively so simple and cheap that there can be no harm in registering. The legal status of the J.O.K.O.S., on the other hand, is a highly complicated matter which I cannot go into here.

Yours, etc.,
HENRIETTE BOAS
Amsterdam, February 9.

FINES FOR OFFENCES

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—A person is brought before the traffic court for an offence witnessed by one person only — the police officer — and is sometimes, within a few minutes, given a sentence which may rob a man of his livelihood by the forfeiture of his licence for a certain period.

The evidence for speeding actually is one man's word against another, where the defendant is almost helpless. I do not doubt the good will and the difficulties of the traffic officer, but he is also only a human being and he may be mistaken. After all, there is no electronic device and he has to press the stop on the speedometer with his finger whilst watching the other driver, and his own driving. The same applies to speed traps where, what with watching, announcing the time to the other side and pressing the stop watch in a 200-metre range, there is every possibility of a mistake.

I certainly realise the problem facing the traffic officer in keeping order on the roads, and I agree that fines should be imposed on traffic offenders. However, should not the judge take this possibility of error into account in favour of the defendant before imposing high fines? Would any judge, on the evidence of one person only, even a police officer, impose maximum punishment?

Yours, etc.,
"A CIVILIAN"
(Name and Address Supplied)
Kibbutz Dalia, January.

Parliamentary Report

By Lea Ben Dor

Controlling the Controller

ABOVE and below, to the right and the left of last week's wrangle over the amendments to the State Controller's law and the Knesset Law itself ran a curious refrain — quis custodiet, or "who guards" (the guards). As a nation, we have run into a murky patch of non-confidence in the probity of other parties, other people and developments in general that should give politicians cause for thought. Nor should it be supposed that it is the result of the thefts and embezzlements that turn up on the Police blotter with clockwork regularity; on the contrary, there is reason to believe that much of the epidemic of fraud in public organizations is due to a general belief that everybody else has also suddenly turned dishonest.

We make laws of one kind and another and command the citizen to obey them. As often as not, he fails to do so. In any case, the citizen is not trusted very far. We then appoint government inspectors, whole government departments, to go out and check the doings of the citizen. Government officials, although custodians of the law, are not much more trustworthy than the citizen—and their temptations are greater — and we instal a State Controller to check the entire machinery of government for both inefficiency and fraud.

Comments on Comments

The State Controller, almost by definition, must be above suspicion, but of course his myriad employees are not: indeed, one of them is being charged with extorting a sum of money just at this time. The Controller sends his comments on the flaws in each Government department to the Minister in charge who should be credited with the desire, if not necessarily the ability, to run his department properly, and to take the Controller's advice to heart. The Controller is responsible to the Knesset, and his report is submitted to the Finance Committee for detailed study, and comments on his comments on the ministers' replies to his criticism.

One of the amendments approved by the Finance Committee, which is responsible for this law, provides that in future where financial or other irregularities are noted, the Controller must report their occurrence to the Committee instead of, as before, "bringing the matter before the Committee." Presumably, this means that the Controller is authorised to decide in each case whether merely to record an infringement, or to produce documentary evidence and full details. And who, in Heaven's name, should decide this if not the Controller, if he is a Controller? The main protest was lodged by Mr. Yohanan Bader (Herut), who visualizes himself as a kind of "Attila, the Scourge of God," but even he had the grace to emphasize that, of course, he was defending a principle and not insinuating that the Controller needs more controlling. Control must stop somewhere short of the absurd. It is only a single step from saying that we cannot trust the Controller unless we let Mr. Bader control his every decision to saying that we cannot trust a Knesset member either.

THE same air of general distrust imposed its acrid taste on the debate of the amendments to the Knesset Law. It ran through the lengthy, pointless argument over election methods — pointless because the result was a foregone conclusion. Mapai had no confidence that the scheme for constituency elections proposed by the General Zionists would be honestly debated and applied, and preferred to abandon the matter rather than support their rivals' project. Even if they had done so there would not have been quite enough votes to carry it, so that there was not really much cause for excitement. It should also be recognized that quite a proportion of the Mapai members themselves are opposed to constituency elections on principle.

Minority Representation

They believe, like the members of the small parties are forced to do, that minorities are entitled to full representation despite their nuisance value, and that we must set about political reform and party unification from the inside and by providing broad lines of policy, rather than by using a technical gimmick to swat the minority opinions like tiresome flies.

By a majority of 58 to 54 it was decided that the vote of more than half the Knesset members would be needed to change the voting system at any future date, instead of a simple majority of those present and voting. One may challenge the logic of Mr. A. Govrin, the Mapai whip, who later declared that it should not be possible for a simple majority to decide that a qualified majority would be needed to upset their decision. Unless otherwise provided for, a simple majority is sufficient to decide on any proposal in the Knesset, including that for a qualified majority in any special case, the difference in voting strength being of no more than academic interest. There is certainly no other method of arriving at such a provision, and there is nothing in the Knesset Law as it stands to say that qualified majority requirements are not legal. It is really an illustration of what constituency elections involve—the smallest plurality of votes is enough, the winner takes all, and the minority has ceased to exist for the time being.

Knesset Procedures

THE new Knesset Law is by no means a polished piece of work. It was discovered only at the last minute that the amendment providing that minority parties shall be included on Inquiry Committees had been so phrased that it could be claimed that the committees should consist entirely of the minority parties. The omission of the phrase "as well" was an error, and possibly just a typographical error, but other paragraphs are still open to varied interpretation.

Take, for instance, the matter of the Press provisions. As the law stands, it states expressly that "no criminal or civil liability shall attach to the publication of Knesset procedures." According to Mr. Harari (Progressives), a lawyer, this frees the Press of all responsibility with regard to every form of malice and distortion, without any possibility of recourse to law. His amendment requiring "fair reporting" was defeated, and that is probably just as well. Every editor worthy of the name must wield a blue pencil against unfair reporting, but he would be hard put to define just where fairness ends and unfairness begins.

Fair or Correct Reports

Our courts have trouble enough without busying themselves with the esoteric question of whether the speech of Member X was fairly omitted because he had nothing to say, or maliciously excluded. There is no law that newspapers may not print lies — unless these are libellous or treasonable—and a law that they must print the truth is simply an untenable counsel of perfection.

Mr. Harari contends that freedom from liability applies not only to the subject-matter of speeches made by members, (which must be privileged because the speeches themselves are "privileged," that is, not subject to libel claims) but also to misquotations and falsifications. According to Mr. Harari, under the law, a Knesset member has no remedy against a paper that habitually writes that he favours the return of all Arab refugees to Israel, even if he is known for his opposition to such a proposal, and thereby distorts his political personality. If that is true it is dangerous, for we have one or two papers that would not hesitate to employ such methods. On the other hand the Minister of Justice, Mr. Rosen, a fellow Progressive, holds the opinion that the privilege applies only to correct reports of members' speeches. The mere fact that they do not agree is an indication that we have not yet heard the last of the Knesset Law.

Divergent Views on Arab 'Unity'

THE unification movement in the Arab world, writes Davar (Histadrut), is a most natural impulse and, if its motives are really non-political, may have a very salutary effect. There might even be room in a such a movement for Israel, which would do its best to emancipate the region from backwardness.

The **Ha'aretz** (non-party) view is that the Arab power is consolidating into three blocs: the Egypto-Syrian, the Hashemite and the Saudi. Israel, as a constant in this sea of Arab comings and goings, must be on her guard; but she must also be ready to grasp every opportunity to

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work for the region's development and do her utmost to win over friends for the idea of the consolidation of all countries, both Arab and non-Arab.

Herut suspects that Israel's foremost enemies are not banding together to fight each other or the great powers; their one aim is to attack Israel. The paper condemns the Government's inaction and calls upon the Knesset to lose no time in discussing the matter.

"Ha'ariv" (non-party) marks its tenth birthday with a 52-page issue featuring an anthology of editorials by the late founder of the paper, Dr. A. Carlebach, and a special article by Prime Minister Ben-Gurion enjoining the press to live up to its extraordinary responsibility in reporting the unique events of our time.

Hatzofe (World Mizrahi) is visibly disturbed by the secular attack on the Rabbinate and the campaign to discredit Rabbi Nissim. It notes that if the Knesset ruled that rabbis, like judges should be ineligible for membership, the law of the state should protect rabbis against defamation just as it protects judges.

Commenting on the Jerusalem demonstrations against the mixed swimming pool, in the latest of which there was a number of casualties, **Hamodia** (Aguda) warns the authorities that police, water hoses and blows will not deter the Orthodox from their fight to uphold morality in the Holy City. The paper calls on all men of good will to try to see the Orthodox position.

Summing up the Knesset vote on the elections system and the basic law, **Haboker** (General Zionist) points out that never in the history of Mapai did it sustain such a resounding defeat and that never before did it emerge so clearly as a bad loser. Now it stands isolated against the unprecedented unity of all the other parties.

MUSICAL DIARY

The Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Michael Taube, conductor; Frank Pelleg, piano (Y.M.C.A., Jerusalem, February 11). Gadson Fartou: Invocation and Dance (Visions); Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 1 in C; Mendelssohn: Presto from String Quartet in D; Mozart: Divertimento No. 2, K. 131; Weber: Overture "Euryanthe."

THE whole concert sounded more like an improvisation than a prepared performance. Perhaps Michael Taube had not yet recovered from his recent illness, perhaps it was the dry East wind, which definitely affected the tuning of the wood winds, whilst the regular hornplayers lost their customary homogeneity through lack of precision of the extras. The latter feature rather spoiled the pleasure which could have been derived from listening to the charming Divertimento K 131. Hanoch Tel-Oren, the First flutist, did well with the *obbligato* part in Partos' composition. This work, which Mr. Taube commissioned and premiered in Ramat Gan some years ago, strengthens the powerful impression it made upon first hearing with every repeat performance.

Frank Pelleg was apparently indisposed, for his interpretation of Beethoven's Concerto did not maintain the high level which one customarily connects with this artist's solo appearances; even so, his standard was far above that of some pianists recently heard on the same stage. The Weber Overture did not carry the listener away, as it can in a perfect performance.

The orchestra suffers from too many masters and too few experienced players. The expansion that has been announced should help it get over this stagnation, for occasional performances of a high order show that it has dormant qualities which call for encouragement and support.

Y. BOEHM

"Wozzeck" by Alban Berg, presented by Haim Alexander (Be'eri Club Music Circle, Jerusalem, February 9).

THIS opera, written over 35 years ago, is still quite problematic to the listener as well as to the musician, and it was very creditable that it was put, almost in its entirety, on [illegible] the Be'eri Club Music Circle Haim Alexander, the Jerusalem composer and educator, introduced this controversial work with short but appropriate explanations of form and content and let the music speak for itself. It was gratifying to see the relatively large audience of music lovers follow the work intently, and it is a pity that more composers, teachers, musicians and students of music did not avail themselves of this opportunity to hear a very rarely accessible work of such importance, which, though not to everybody's taste, is highly stimulating and cannot be shrugged aside. Future evenings with similarly interesting works on the programme were announced by Dr. Katz, who is in charge of this Circle.

Y. BOEHM

Israel Philharmonic Orchestra Special Subscription Concert No. 6 (Mann Auditorium, February 12). Sergiu Celibidache, conductor; Bracha Eden, Alexander Wolkowisky, duo-pianists; Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 3; Mozart: Concerto for Two Pianos, (K. 365); Shostakovitch: Symphony No. 9.

TO obtain a satisfactory performance throughout this intricate Brandenburg Concerto is a feat only a few can master. Mr. Celibidache's rendition, though quite adequate, was somewhat too mechanical. Moreover, the contrapuntal structure, was sometimes shattering, particularly in the first movement.

With the performance of the Mozart double concerto, both Bracha Eden and Alexander Wolkowisky proved to be extremely fine pianists, deploying perfectly co-ordinated team work. The delicacy of their touch in the second movement, and especially in the cadenza of the third movement, approached perfection. Mr. Celibidache and the orchestra gave them accomplished support.

The concert ended with a spirited repeat of Shostakovitch's Ninth.

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NATURE NOTES

More About Topsy the Hare

DO you remember the young girl soldier who was bringing up a baby hare? Well, my prophesy about keeping it in a Tel Aviv flat has come true, and Topsy is now in Dr. Mendelsohn's little zoo. Here is what his former owner writes:

"The baby got his food on the balcony and slept under the flower bench. But when he got bored, he would race through the rooms, and not only that. When my mother was not present, he would nibble whatever came to hand, including rugs and the wireless flex. There was one way of keeping him quiet — music, whether over the radio or the gramophone. He would lie entranced in the middle of the largest rug available, all four legs sprawling, elongated like a sausage, one ear covering his back, the other upright, nose in the air, eyes closed. When the music stopped, he would jump high in the air, sometimes actually turning somersaults, and then hide in a dark corner. However, I must have fed him something that didn't agree with him: his hair began to fall out, and when alarming bald patches developed, I took him to the little zoo. I miss him so, especially when I come home—he used to welcome me on his hind legs, quite frantic with joy, just like a dog."

I expect it was less the wrong food than the confinement. No hare I ever heard of lives in captivity when he is grown.

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